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APPLICATION NO: 09/433,161

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FOR: Hydrocolloid Adhesive Compositions

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please consider the following prior to taking action in the above-described application pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 16 and 20 as indicated below.

--1. (Three Times Amended) A pressure sensitive hydrocolloid adhesive for medical use comprising the following composition by percentage weight:

- a) from about 2% to about 10% ethylene propylene rubber
- b) from about 9.5% to about 16% styrenic block copolymer
- c) from about 24% to about 33% tackifying
- d) from 0% up to .5% anti-oxidant
- e) from about 15% to about 35% NaCMC (Low DS)
- f) from about 5% to about 20% pectin
- g) from 0% to about 6% tackifier with softening point below about 37°C comprising